

## **Clothing Guideline**

### **For**

### **US Military and Militia**

This clothing guideline is for use during the annual Battle of New Orleans Celebration at the Chalmette Battlefield. Please use the guidelines to assist you in putting together a wardrobe for your impression and that of your family. Included are several pattern suggestions, fabric sites, and where to buy footwear. This clothing guideline is compiled by knowledgeable individuals associated with the War of 1812.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> US Infantry:**

Pattern 1813 dark blue wool dress coat trimmed for infantry  
Pattern 1813 dark grey wool trousers worn with 1813 pattern black wool gaiters  
Issue or civilian shirt  
Leather stock with clasp  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Military bootees  
Pattern 1808 cartridge box on black sling  
Black bayonet baldric with oval brass plate  
1763/66/77 Charleville, US 1795 Springfield musket with bayonet -Extra flints and cleaning rags  
Issue or period blanket(s) (*most common issued was the white three point blanket*)  
Pattern 1812 watch coat or white blanket coat for off duty  
Pattern 1813 “tombstone” leather shako with appropriate cap plate, pompon and cords  
Lherbette or hide knapsack  
Wooden stave canteen

#### **US Light Artillery:**

Pattern 1812 dark blue wool dress coat trimmed for artillery  
Pattern 1812 dark blue wool trousers worn with boots or 1813 pattern black wool gaiters.  
Issue or civilian shirt  
Leather stock with clasp  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Military bootees  
Issue or period blanket(s) (*most common issued was the white three point blanket*)  
Pattern 1812 watch coat or white blanket coat for off duty  
Yeoman crowned cap with appropriate cap plate, pompon and cords  
Lherbette or hide knapsack  
Wooden stave canteen

#### **Corps of Artillery:**

Pattern 1813 dark blue wool dress coat trimmed for artillery  
Pattern 1813 dark grey wool trousers worn with black wool gaiters  
Issue or civilian shirt  
Leather stock with clasp  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Military bootees  
Issue or period blanket(s) (*most common issued was the white three point blanket*)  
Pattern 1812 watch coat or white blanket coat for off duty  
Pattern 1813 Corps of Artillery shako.  
Lherbette or hide knapsack  
Wooden stave canteen

### **US Light Dragoons:**

Pattern 1812 dark blue wool single breasted coat trimmed with silk ferret or Pattern 1812 hussar's jacket trimmed with silk ferret  
Pattern 1812 dark blue trousers  
Issue or civilian shirt  
Leather stock  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Knee high horseman's boots worn with spurs  
Pattern 1807 or 1813 horseman's saber on buff waist-belt with white metal plate  
Pattern 1799, 1805, 1807 or 1811 horseman's pistol and appropriate pattern cartridge box  
*Or* Pattern 1808 cartridge box on black sling  
Black bayonet baldric with oval brass plate  
1763/1766/1777 Charleville, US 1795 Springfield musket with bayonet -Extra flints and cleaning rags  
Issue or period blanket(s)  
Pattern 1812 Hussar's cloak  
Pattern 1812 leather horseman's helmet with horsehair crest, cap plate and chinstraps  
Appropriate pattern valise or Lherbette or hide knapsack  
Wooden stave canteen

### **US Marine Corps:**

Pattern 1810 dark blue wool dress coat trimmed for marines  
Pattern 1810 unbleached linen or white wool trousers worn with black wool gaiters  
Issue or civilian shirt  
Leather stock  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Military bootees  
Pattern 1808 cartridge box on white sling  
White bayonet baldric with oval brass plate  
3<sup>rd</sup> Model Brown Bess flintlock musket with bayonet  
Extra flints and cleaning rags  
Issue or period blanket(s)  
Pattern 1812 watch coat  
Pattern 1811 cap with appropriate cap plate, pompon and cords  
Lherbette or hide knapsack  
Wooden stave canteen

### **US Navy:**

Dark blue wool jacket with stand up collar, either single or double breasted, with either functional cuffs with scalloped cover or non-functioning cuffs.  
Dark blue wool trousers or unbleached linen/Russia sheeting trousers  
Issue or civilian shirt - blue/white checked or white  
Cravat, black silk  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Civilian low quartered shoes  
Black sword baldric with oval brass plate or two pronged brass buckle  
British Pattern 1808 or similar US cutlass *or* Pattern 1808 cartridge box on black sling  
Black bayonet baldric with oval brass plate  
1763/66/77 Charleville, US 1795 Springfield musket w/bayonet or 3<sup>rd</sup> Model Bess flintlock musket w/ bayonet  
Extra flints and cleaning rags  
Issue or period blanket(s)  
Round-hats, knit caps (Monmouth style) or other appropriate patterns of civilian head wear  
White Canvas Sea Bag

### **Plauche's Grenadier Company:**

Pattern 1810 dark blue wool ligne infantry habit and veste  
Pattern 1810 white linen trousers or blue wool trousers worn with black guetres  
Period appropriate civilian shirt  
Black linen col  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Chaussure's civilian pattern shoes or military brogans  
Pattern 1786 cartridge box  
Grenadier sabre and bayonet carriage  
1763/66/77 Charleville, US 1795 Springfield musket w/ bayonet or 3<sup>rd</sup> Model Brown Bess flintlock musket with bayonet  
Extra flints and cleaning rags  
Pattern 1806 Capote  
Bonnet a poil with appropriate badges  
Bonnet de police  
Pattern 1801 hide haversack  
Petit Bidoon (tin)  
*\*\*no Imperial Eagles are to be worn. Regimental buttons are allowed\*\*.*

### **Hind's Troop of Dragoons:**

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### **Beale's Rifles:**

Hunting frocks of an appropriate pattern made in blue and white checked linen  
Vests circa 1805-1815  
Woolen, linen or jean fall front trousers circa 1805-1815  
Civilian shirt circa 1805-1815  
Stock, or cravat  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Civilian style shoes or boots  
Civilian pattern shot-bags and appropriate powder horns  
Civilian pattern rifles of an appropriate style  
Extra flints and cleaning rags  
Period blanket(s)  
Period greatcoat or blanket coat  
Round-hats common slouch hats or other appropriate patterns of civilian head wear  
Knapsack or bedroll

### **Kentucky and Tennessee Militia & Volunteers:**

Roundabouts, hunting shirts, hunting frocks and tailcoats circa 1805-1815  
Vests circa 1805-1815  
Woolen, linen or jean fall front trousers circa 1805-1815  
Civilian shirt circa 1805-1815  
Stock, or cravat  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Civilian style shoes or boots  
Civilian pattern shot-bags and appropriate powder horns  
Civilian pattern rifles of an appropriate style or -Pattern 1808 cartridge box on black sling  
Black bayonet baldric with oval brass plate or Civilian pattern belly box on waist-belt  
1752/1757 Spanish musket/1763/1766/1777 Charleville, US 1795 Springfield musket with bayonet or 3<sup>rd</sup> Model Brown Bess flintlock musket with bayonet  
Extra flints and cleaning rags

Period blanket(s)  
Period greatcoat or blanket coat  
Roundhats common slouch hats or other appropriate patterns of civilian head wear  
Knapsack or bedroll

### **Free Men of Color:**

Roundabouts, hunting shirts, hunting frocks and tailcoats circa 1805-1815  
Vests circa 1805-1815  
Woolen, linen or jean fall front trousers circa 1805-1815  
Civilian shirt circa 1805-1815  
Stock, or cravat  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Civilian style shoes or boots  
Pattern 1808 cartridge box on black sling  
Black bayonet baldric with oval brass plate  
1752/57 Spanish musket/1763/66/77 Charleville, US 1795 Springfield bayonet or 3<sup>rd</sup> Model Bess flintlock musket/w bayonet  
Extra flints and cleaning rags  
Period blanket(s)  
Period greatcoat or blanket coat  
Roundhats, common slouch hats or other appropriate patterns of civilian head wear  
Knapsack or bedroll

### **Choctaw Warriors:**

Roundabouts, hunting shirts, hunting frocks and tailcoats circa 1805-1815  
Vests circa 1805-1815  
Woolen, linen or jean fall front trousers circa 1805-1815 or buckskin leggings worn over trousers or with breechcloths  
Civilian shirt circa 1805-1815  
Stock, or cravat  
Woolen or other period stockings  
Civilian style shoes or boots or buckskin moccasins of an appropriate pattern  
Civilian pattern shotbags and appropriate powder horns  
Civilian pattern rifles of an appropriate style or Pattern 1808 cartridge box on black sling  
Black bayonet baldric with oval brass plate or Civilian pattern belly box on waistbelt  
Spanish musket/1763/66/77 Charleville, US 1795 Springfield musket/ bayonet or 3<sup>rd</sup> Model Brown Bess musket/bayonet  
Extra flints and cleaning rags  
Period blanket(s)  
Period greatcoat or blanket coat  
Turbans, roundhats common slouch hats or other appropriate patterns of civilian head wear  
Bedroll

The event organizers pride themselves on their physical impressions and we ask that you do the same. Please do not try to slide by. If you have questions please do not hesitate to ask. We want you to have a great time and look back at your accomplishments with pride.

Some general clothing notes, etc. The above serves as a good guideline to aid you in your impression. However, it is by no means complete. If you have any questions please contact Scott McMahon at [smcmahon.presidiolabahia@gmail.com](mailto:smcmahon.presidiolabahia@gmail.com). He will gladly answer any of your questions. Remember, the main goal in your impression is authenticity. Don't try to slide by. The goal is to be the best. Authenticity must begin with you.

As Captain Obvious would say: Please: No wristwatches, modern eyeglasses, tennis shoes, hiking boots, speckle ware enamel, cigarettes, cigarette lighters, cola cans, beer cans, modern candy bars, Doritos, Fritos, or what have you! Modern medicines are an exception. But if possible please put them in period containers.

### **HOW MUCH PERSONAL BAGGAGE IS ALLOWED?**

As we are portraying a campaign style camp please keep your camps appropriately furnished to that impression. Avoid the extra tables, chairs, pool tables etc. During the day please keep those items in your tents. After hours for socializing you can bring them out...except for the pool tables....

We would suggest at least two and more blankets. A waterproof ground cloth is vital for the weekend. Two hundred years ago this was a swamp. Though the land is drained today, you are still in a very damp location. The damp coupled with the chill can make for a most unpleasant experience if you are not prepared.

Plan for some sort of overcoat an extra shirt, several pairs of thick socks, extra drawers, toothbrush, soap, small towel, and any modern medicines are all one really needs to survive comfortably this time of year.

A short but sweet definition is: with the exception of your extra blankets. If you can't carry it---DON'T bring it. This is a campaign style event and even though we aren't actually marching we would like things to look as though we have been.

### **WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS EXPECTED OF ME?**

This will be an intense but fun event. To get the most out of *New Orleans 1815* you should bring a good attitude. This will be a team effort. Everyone is vital to our success.

This is also not a democracy. The event will be run in much the same way Gen. Jackson ran the campaign in 1814/1815. Even if you are portraying a volunteer, teamwork is expected.

Your drill doesn't have to be perfect but you definitely need to be a team player. Confrontational style living history is neither needed nor wanted.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please forward him or her a copy of this packet. Thank you for your interest and we hope to see you on the "Plains of Chalmette" come next January!